

to-day the case For she saw then, as she says in the review of the *Report of the Committee* she wrote for the *Nineteenth Century* in June 1890, that

"If we wish to determine whether the presence of middle-men, machinery, and sub-division of labour are at once the cause and the essence of the evils of sweating, we must take a *itider* survey of the industrial facts than that afforded by the four volumes of evidence published by the Committee We must use the comparative method we must lay, side by side with the organisation of production in the sweated trades, the organisation of production in those industries admittedly free from the grosser evils of sweating In short, to discover the constitutional disease, we must compare the diseased body with the relatively healthy organism "

Convinced therefore, as early as 1888, that "free competition" had got to be controlled, not "exceptionally or spasmodically" but universally, she saw Trade Unionism as working in the same direction as were Public Health legislation, Public Education, and the establishment of the Factory codes

This was in her mind, when she set to work on her own first book, on Co-operation, her first meeting with Sidney actually turned on an enquiry arising out of work on that book, which was to lead her to form the project of investigating and writing about Trade Unionism He, at once, saw the point, very soon, he was co-operating in the project

In writing to her in May 1891 he says

"Why not let me help you in the investigation into Trade Unionism? Whilst you interview officials and attend Trade Union meetings, I can rush through reports and Trade Union minutes at the Trade Union offices "

This suggestion, of course, came after many of those talks between them that counted so infinitely for pleasure in the lives of both, and became so frequent after their first meeting in 1890. She actually started the investigation into Trade Unionism, before her Co-operative book was published, and worked at it with a sort of fierce intensity, in